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The United Front Department of the Chinese Communist Party recently called a meeting of representatives of various non-Communist parties in the Government to stimulate popular support for the campaign for the suppression of counter-revolution. A communist spokesman said that counter-revolutionary elements had been discovered using the non-Communist parties in order to penetrate the Government and must be suppressed. Since these people are enemies of the people, they are not loyal elements of the United Front; their elimination should not disturb the solidarity of the United Front, since the United Front was designed to destroy the common enemy and build a new China. The preliminary phase of the revolutionary program, which has been successfully completed, was seriously damaged by lenient treatment of counter-revolutionary elements in the non-Communist parties.

Comment. This meeting seems to promise an all-out purge of unreliable elements of non-Communist parties.

Comment. The Chinese language issue of the Hong Kong Standard for 28 March reported that CHAO Chung-jung (趙仲容), one-time press officer for FU Tso-i, has been executed. This action is believed to be the first move in a program of Communist action against FU.

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